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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
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Dear Secretary Williams:

Having now had the opportunity to review the transcript of my oral testimony of March 10th, it appears to be there might be some confusion about the position of the state of Illinois regarding a moratorium on rail mergers. To clarify our position, let me just set forth that the state of Illinois has no position at this time on whether or not a moratorium would be appropriate.

Sincerely,

Merrill L. Travis
Chief, Bureau of Railroads